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<u>REMARKS</u>

The rejection on claims 1-12 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting has been overcome by the enclosed terminal disclaimer to the term of the owner's prior patent No. 6,691,988.

A notice of allowance is respectfully requested.

A check for \$110 for the terminal disclaimer fee under 37 CFR 1.20 (d) is enclosed. If there are any additional fees resulting from this communication, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 16-0820, our Order No. 34555US1.

Respectfully submitted,

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